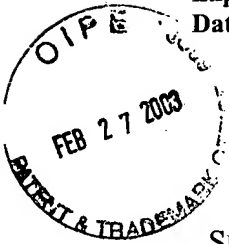


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the August 27, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before February 27, 2003. A check in the amount of \$930.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No.19904-008. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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